



General Manager Patrick Whittaker

one's love and passion for the Club very small screen. and our desire to stay relevant in the future whilst respecting a fiscal responsibility.

Kids' Camp obstacle course. have included several pictures later back. ditionally, if you see that we have best I have ever seen. taken any photos that you would like a copy of, please reach out to me and I will be sure to send them out (I have tried to do this automatically whenever I can). It has been a joy over the summer to meet so many kids with free high-five ice creams and the dry erase board in my office has been filled a few times with messages and "art" from excited kids.

We have been working hard over the past month to refresh our website for both the public and our membership. There are still some features we want to add to the site to make it a better communication resource, but I believe it is much more informative and contemporary. You can now sign up for golf events online, including multiple events at one time. We have started to put some of the events results up and will improve these as we go. Both our à la carte and banquet

As summer peaks, and the pool still menus are available on the site and gets splashed by children, and the our event spaces and capabilities course and dining rooms enjoy the have improved showcases together warm buzz of activity, I am reminded with our membership pages. Most why we all enjoy being part of this importantly, with 60% of traffic comclub family. The recent excitement ing from mobile devices, we have enwith our Master Plan affirms every- sured that the site looks great on a

I would like to thank the entire staff for a job well done this season. Elcona has a passionate and dedicated Over the last couple of months, I staff you should be proud of. I would have enjoyed the fun of Invitational, encourage you to thank them, wave the multigenerational gatherings on to the guys on a tractor, let a server July 4th, and exerting myself on the know when a meal is particularly We good or give a bag boy a pat on the The relationship between in the newsletter to help you recall members and staff can often be a and appreciate these moments. Ad-special one, and this Club has the

> I'd like to say congratulations to Chef Casey and Garde Manger Katalina Long on their recent engagement. Wishing you the very best as you begin to plan your lives together.

> I wish you all the best for the rest of summer. Hopefully, the swings are in great shape and good company is being relished in back yards and on our terrace. If you have any suggestions for us, please don't hesitate to contact me.



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Wow, the season is flying by, we just completed the 56th playing of the Walter O. Wells Invitational and what a successful week of golf and camaraderie it was. If you played, I know that you enjoyed yourself, if you didn't play, start thinking about inviting a friend to Elcona for next years' event, you won't be disappointed.

As you know, the Board canceled the Membership vote for the capital assessment that was to be held on July 25th. I would like to make everyone aware this does not mean the golf course renovation project is not going to happen. What has taken place is the Board listened to the membership's questions and concerns regarding the timing of the assessment, and decided to postpone asking the membership to approve it. The other part is, the Board has tied the land sale to the project, meaning no work will begin on the course renovation until the sale of the land has closed.

To update everyone on where we are at with the sale of the land; the buyer is in the final stages of creating the site plan. Once the site plan is complete, it will go before the Elkhart County Zoning Commission for approval. After approval, we will complete the sale, per the existing contract.

As always, I ask you to use your Club to achieve the maximum value of your membership.

Comments and suggestions are welcome; please contact me at president@elconacc.com.

I look forward to seeing you at your Club.

Membership Director Jodi Aker



With the end of July comes the end of Summer Camp. I hope your kids had a great time, we sure did enjoy having them! With its growing popularity, camp saw more kids this year and we hope next year will be even bigger. We all know camp is great for the body—swimming, golf, tennis, and all kinds of fun, but another great thing is building relationships. With so many school options in Elkhart county, Elcona offers a wonderful place to meet new friends. I hope those friendships continue to blossom at our Saturday family fun days. Each Saturday provides a casual atmosphere in the clubroom with paper table cloths (who didn't love to color?! I still do!) and special Second Saturdays. This month we have a Family Fun Movie night— Finding Dory, a great movie for all ages. Have a great August!

Member Spotlight:

Ryan, Rebekah, Michael, Samuel, and Owen Canfield

Rebekah and Ryan Canfield, college sweethearts, met at Glen Oaks Community College in Centreville, Michigan. Even though they were on Ryan, Rebekah, Michael, Owen, Samuel at Elcona's different course tracks and ended up graduating from two separate universities, they still

managed to find each other. Ryan helped Rebekah in Corporate Finance. The Canfield's moved to the versity in Angola, and Rebekah went to Western until their youngest was born. Michigan University in Kalamazoo and got a degree





4th of July Celebration

with Physics and she helped him with Calculus - it area two years ago and currently, Ryan is the Globwas a great balance from the start. Ryan went on al Distribution Manager for Hill and Griffith Compato get his degree in Engineering from Tri-State Uni- ny out of Cincinnati and Rebekah worked for GE

> The Canfield's travel guite a bit - Ryan for work and occasionally combining work and pleasure where he and Rebekah are able to get away and reconnect. Just this year they've enjoyed Florida, Wash-



chael, Samuel and Owen and she enjoys volunteering at their schools. An avid runner, she has competed in several half marathons - the Elcona trails have been a good marathon training ground. Rebekah is quite handy - she always has a couple home DIY projects going and she loves to build. She also has a small business, Sawdust & Sparkle, where she builds affordable custom furniture and kids 'stuff'.

Ryan loves baseball - the New York team. He recently took a trip to the afternoons at Elcona - either at the gramming. pool or practicing at the short

Mets have been his lifelong team. Boundary Waters in June through The family has made it to games at the school - a week submerged in stadiums throughout the country, the wilderness, backpacking and but have yet to catch a game in canoeing. An avid reader, Michael's NYC. Although he travels quite a bit, school team won Battle of the he enjoys golfing when he's in town. Books last year. He also enjoys The family likes spending weekend computer projects, especially pro-

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Samuel game area. Rebekah and the boys uears old and in always love to drive 3rd grade @ around the York Elementary. He loves taking things but mostly likes to

course

apart (sometimes theu go Michael after winning back to-Battle of the Books gether),

and spend some time on 15 - the boys have only accidentally gotten their feet wet a couple times!

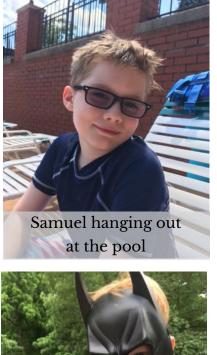
Ryan & Rebekah forward to spending a week each summer doing Camp Invention at Ethos Science Center. He enjoys Legos, Minecraft, and science experiments. He thinks their next home project should involve build-Speaking of the boys, Michael, age ing him his own laboratory. Samuel 13, is in 8th grade @ Northridge takes Ninja classes at Inspire Athlet-

ics and is on Elcona the Junior golf team.

Middle School. Не absolutelu loves math. enjoys participating on school the MathCounts team. runs cross country and plays the on school's golf

Little Owen is 4 years old and attends LIFF preschool. He is a huge Batman fan; hardly a day goes by that





1st Place



he doesn't wear his Batman clothes. He also enjoys riding his bike, playing outside, and swimming. Owen played Tee-ball for the first time this year, loved it, and can't wait until next season. Always trying to keep up with his brothers, he likes to spend time on the driving range while Samuel is in Jr. Golf – and is looking forward to next summer when he will be old enough to do Jr. Golf, too.

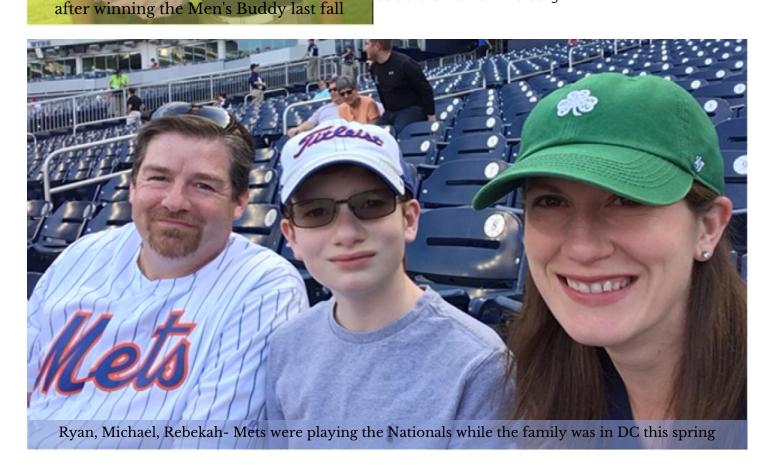
The family loves playing games – the boys especially like Monopoly with their dad, card games, explor-





ing the family's woods, and having bonfires. The Monopoly games are heated contests - no shortage of wheeling and dealing at the kitchen table!

This summer is the Canfield's 14-year anniversary. When asked if they are planning anything special, Rebekah says they tend to be "last minute" plan people. Let's hope Ryan has a last minute business trip allowing the two to enjoy some time away from home and celebrate their anniversary.



Welcome to our New Members

... And thank you to their Sponsors: Alex Strati, Matt Windy, Anthony Wollschlager, Troy Nusbaum, Todd Sullivan, Bill Burton, Angela Byars, Gavin Wilkinson, Christopher Erekson, Craig Erekson

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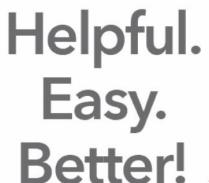
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Head Golf Professional Tom Thome

It's hard to believe that August is already here with September just around the corner. Soon we'll be hearing the whistles from the referees as the College Football Season begins. We still have plenty of time to play some golf allowing all of you to prepare for the Club Championships and other events coming up this fall.

Severe Weather Policy

So far this season, we have had a few severe weather issues. In the case of severe weather, the golf shop staff will sound the siren. This means that you need to take shelter immediately at the halfway house, clubhouse, or one of the golf course shelters. The Golf Shop will continue to monitor the weather and when it has become safe to play we will sound a siren to resume play. The golf course is CLOSED until the second siren sounds. Please do not resume play until then. Thank you.

Golf Shop

The Golf Shop is fully stocked with all the latest offerings from the top golf companies. If you are in the market for new equipment such as a set of new Titleist Irons, or just want to put some style into your fall wardrobe, the Elcona Golf Shop has what you're looking for or we can special order an item for you. If you have had that sweeps account building over the season, this is a great time to use it while the sSop is full of great merchandise. It's also never too early to start stocking up on Christmas gifts for the golfer in your life.

Walter O. Wells Invitational

Once again, our Men's Invitational was very successful. We even had (2) Hole-In-One's this year. A Big Thank You to all the members and guests who participated, we hope you enjoyed your week. I would also like to thank all of our flag sponsors who donated; we greatly appreciate your support. Lastly, I would like to thank my staff for all their efforts. A lot of time & work goes into the week but it is very rewarding for us when an event is so well-received.

2017 Walter O'Wells Invitational Results Elcona Flight

Matt Christensen & Sean Broderick 198 Pts.

Oakmont Flight

Scott York & Mike Liberatore 36 Pts.

Seminole Flight

Brad Martin & Brent Curtis 37 Pts.

Pebble Beach Flight

Anthon Wollschlager & Ken Wollschlager 35.5 Pts

Pinehurst Flight

Braden McCormick & Gregg Huff 41 Pts.

Colonial Flight

Don Degroff & Josh Maximon 36 Pts.

Augusta Flight

Paul Warning & David Murray 44 Pts.

Riviera Flight

Bob Schultz & Tom Schultz 27 Pts.

Special Event Winners

Shoot Out

First Fliaht

Greg Fore & Gary Zimmerman

Second Flight

Bill Marcin & Bob McAndrew

Third Flight

Curt Yoder & Jeff Boomershine

Fourth Flight

Paul Warning & David Murray

Splash Contest

Billy Bridwell

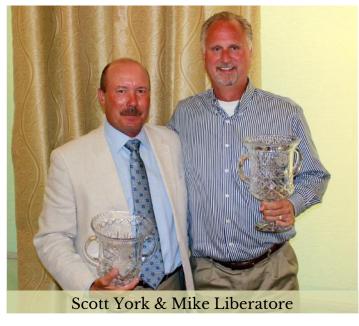
Putting Contest

Jack Woodworth

Hole-In One's:

Ab Saleh	6/28	#11
Gary Sieber	7/12	#11
Matt Windy	7/20	#8
Sean Broderick	7/22	#11

CONGRATULATIONS to all the winners!

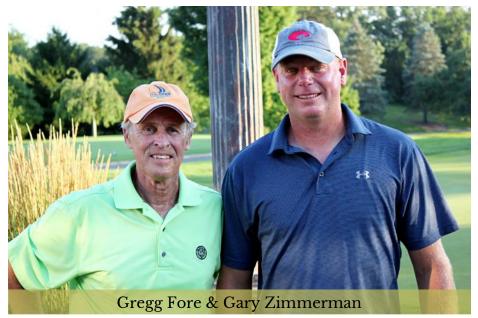














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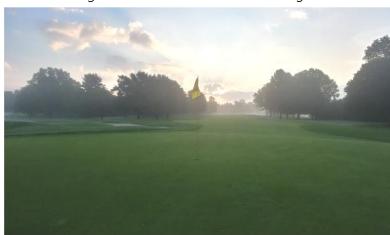


Golf Superintendent **Ryan Cummings**

August is here, which means the kids are going back to school, some of my staff leave to further their education, and Club Championships are on the calendar. I would like to congratulate all of the winners from this year's Men's Invitational. I hope that everyone enjoyed the Club's facilities and each other's company during a special week at Elcona. I also would like to give a special thanks to our staff. I was very proud of the product they produced for the participants and their efforts

The golf course has made it through the first part of the summer in great condition. The weather, outside of a few hot humid days here and there, has been pretty normal so far. But we have much more summer to go. I would like to remind everyone that Lastly, I wanted to remind everyone that we are

process and other happenings, please visit our blog at www.elconaccgrounds.blogspot.com.



aerification schedule. We have moved the schedule around a bit to provide better playing conditions through the busy month of September. Tees will be aerified on September 5th, and green surrounds will be solid tined throughout September when the schedule and labor allows. Greens will be aerified October 5th and 6th following the Hole-in-One Stag. Finally, fairways will be aerified the

week of October 9th. These dates are, of course, dependent on the weather, and I will communicate any necessary changes. Have

about a month away from starting our fall

during hot, humid afternoons, our staff may be out a great month and I will see you out on the golf syringing greens. This temporary cooling of the turf course!

is vital towards the survival of the plant through the hot weather. If you see one of our staff syringing a green as you approach your ball, please hold off on playing your approach shot until they have cleared the green.

The staff is currently working on replacing bunker sand on hole numbers 3 and 7 greenside bun-This annual process in a kers. couple bunkers provides fresh sand, while giving us other sand to top off a couple fairway bunkers. For a more in depth look at this



Meet Your Team:

Assistant Golf Professional, Jeff Marsh

Not surprisingly, Jeff has always enjoyed golf - he Many wonderful things have hapbegan playing at seven years old in Auburn, Indi-pened to Jeff because of his love ana. He played all through high school and even for golf - including meeting his wife of 12 years, worked as a rack room kid. He continued playing Michelle! golf while working on his Psychology Degree at

Muskingum University.

Graduating with a B.S. in Psychology, Jeff moved to Fort Wayne, and decided it was time to turn his love of the game into a profession. Working for Doug Booth his mentor, he accepted the position of Assistant Golf Professional at Deer Track Golf Course and joined the PGA Apprentice Program through the PGA of America and followed through with his dream of becoming

a golf professional, taining his Class Membership in the PGA of America in 1990. Jeff also spent five uears as the Head Coach at IPFW. a NCAA Division I Universitu in Fort Wayne, he also worked at several Fort Waune Golf

Courses. Jeff's playing career includes 2 years on the Florida Mini-tours, 6 Taylormade World Father & Son Championships, 3 National PGA Professional Championships, One National PGA Assistant Championship and One National Senior PGA Professional Championship. Most recently, Jeff competed in the 2017 USGA Senior Open in Boston.

Jeff has a son from a previous marriage, Grant, age sixteen. Grant loves playing golf & tennis and would like to be an aeronautical engineer. Michelle owns Retirement Plan Concepts & Services Inc. Fort Wayne and has two bous - Andrew, 25 wife Kayla, and Adam, 22. Andrew works Michelle at RPCSI and Adam is a

manager trainee at the Mellow Mushroom in

Phoenix, zona. family, the Marsh's enjoy travelina all over the Canada, and and

have visited Beijing, Spain and England. Of course, they also enjoy golfing vacations!





Executive Chef Casey Hochstetler

It's hard to believe August is already here. The Fourth of July was a hit, and Invitational went off without a hitch. Half of summer is gone, but the garden is flourishing! Having already harvested hundreds of pounds of zucchini and yellow squash, this year is a success, despite a slight ground hog problem. The three-bean salad, our first Elcona garden special, was a success as well.

As the second year for the garden at this location, our ability to use home grown organic produce in our restaurant is growing. The inspiration the kitchen staff receives from the varieties of produce grown is endless. Allowing members to experience real home-grown produce is a gift the kitchen staff can give.

As many already know, recently I became engaged to Garde Manger cook, Katalina Long. Thank you for all the congratulations and support Katalina and I have received.





Food & Beverage Director Tom Roberts



Club have been great. The Fourth of July was a a lifted tropical finish. great day as well as the whole week of Men's Invitational. We tried some new things in the Clubroom including Music on The Terrace. The turnout for this was great and we will do this again next season during the summer weeks.

bottle and the Red Blend by the bottle.

Roberts Mondavi The Bourbon Barrel-Aged Chardonnay is rich golden in color and opens with in- I'd like to make everyone aware the pool hours will nut with hints of toasted marshmallow and vanilla turn to school. The new hours will be: bean. Flavors of grilled pineapple, juicy peach, graham cracker and toffee follow, with baking spices and toasty oak. This rich, creamy, and concentrated wine has balanced acidity and a lingering finish that makes it perfect to enjoy on its own or with a variety of foods. This is the first ever Chardonnay to blend the craftsmanship of California winemaking I hope everyone enjoys the rest of the summer!!!! with the Southern tradition of Bourbon Whiskey aging.

2012 Russian River Valley Reserve Chardonnay has a light straw color with a golden edge, offers forward fruit with minerality, lifted and framed by sweet oak notes and spice. This wine reflects the best of what Russian River Valley fruit can offer: rich, complex wines with depth and agility. Their vibrancy and freshness wake up the palate. On the nose, look for orange blossoms, sweet toasty notes, and hints of smoke with lemon curd, tart apple, tangerine, cream, and hints of buttery caramel and baking spice. Mineral notes highlight green apple freshness. Flavors include bright fresh fruit like pineapple, lemon zest, tangerine, and Granny Smith apple. Nicely spiced on the palate with hints of nutmeg and cinnamon, this wine

Hello to all Members. The past two months at the is rich, creamy and full of flavor with structure and

Cooper & Thief Cellarmasters Bourbon Barrel Aged Red Wine Blend 2014 is a dark and jammy red wine blend loaded with bourbon-inspired flavors and aromas. Crafted by Cellarmaster, Jeff Kasavan, this wine is aged for three months in bourbon bar-There are a few new wines in the Clubroom that I rels, which gives way to soft, velvety tannins with a think everyone will enjoy. We have added two new subtle heat. The combined result is a rich flavor. Chardonnays and a Red Blend to our list. Both of with a long, lingering finish. The varietal composition the Chardonnaus can be ordered bu the alass or for this wine is: 38% Merlot / 37% Surah / 11% Zinfandel / 7% Petite Sirah / 4% Cabernet Sauvignon / 3% Other Red Blenders.

tense aromas of ripe pineapple and toasted coco- change beginning August 14th as our lifequards re-

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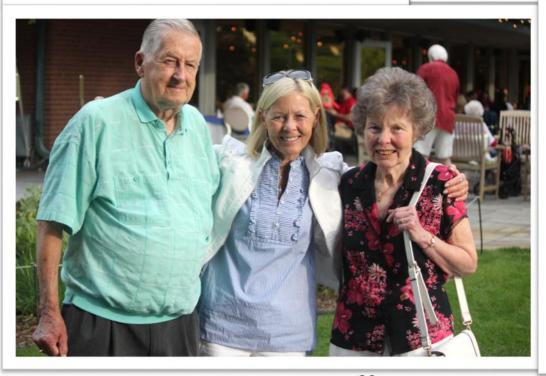












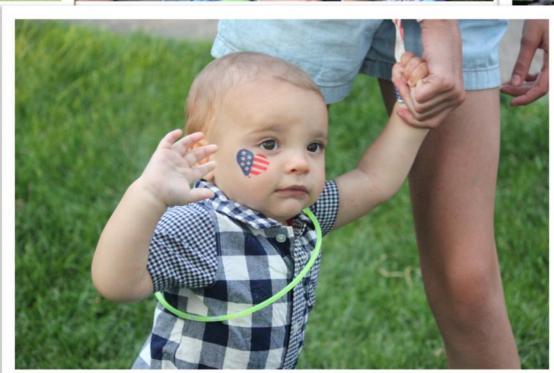














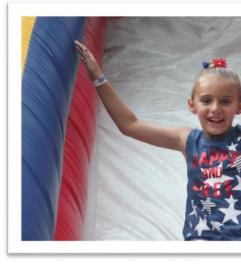
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Elcona Country Club is a premier family-oriented social and recreational organization, proud of its history, dedicated to fostering its traditions, and committed to providing outstanding facilities and excellent services for the enjoyment of its members and their guests.





AUGUST 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
PRO SHOP HOURS 6:30-Close Tue-Fri	RESTAURANT Lunch 11 - 2 Tues - Fri	BUSINESS OFFICE	2	Rib Night	Prime Rib & Wine	5 Pizza & Beer Night
6:00-Close Sat-Sun PRACTICE FAC. 6:30-7:00 Tue-Sun	Dinner 5 - 9 Tues - Thurs 5 - 10 Fri - Sat	9 - 5 Mon - Fri 574-295-6373			Boys' & Girls' Club Outing	Family Night
574 - 295 - 4210	5 - 9 Sun	18-hole Ladies	Men's Night Out	9-hole Ladies	Junior Golf	Junior Club Champ. & Awards 1:30
6 Casual Griller	7 Club Closed	8	Wine Down Wed.	Rib Night	11	12 Pizza & Beer Night
				Chef's Table		Family Fun Movie Night
	Employee Day 2pm		18-hole Ladies			
	Course Open 12-7	18-hole Ladies	Men's Night Out	9-hole Ladies	Senior Club Champ.	Senior Club Champ.
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Casual Griller	Club Clos ed		Wine Down Wed.	Rib Night		Pizza & Beer Night Family Night
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Final Couples' Golf	Course Closed	18-hole Ladies	Men's Night Out	Music Outing 9-hole Ladies		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Casual Griller	Club Closed		Wine Down Wed.	Rib Night	Happy Hour & Sushi Night	Pizza & Beer Night
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			18-hole Ladies	LCB Outing		
	Course Open 12-7	18-hole Ladies	Men's Night Out	9-hole Ladies		Men's Club Champ.
Casual Griller	28 Club Clos ed	29	Wine Down Wed.	Rib Night	SWIMMING POOL	SWIMMING POOL Beginning 14th:
					Aug 1-13th: 12 - 4 Monday	12 - 4 Monday
	Employee Day 2pm		18-hole Ladies CC		11 - 7 Tuesday -Sat	12 - 7 Tues – Fri 11 - 7 Saturday
Men's Club Champ.	Course Open 12-7	18-hole Ladies CC	Final Men's Night Out	9-hole Ladies	12 - 6 Sunday	12 - 6 Sunday



SEPTEMBER 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
PRO SHOP 7 - Close Tuesday- Friday 6 - Close Saturday - Sunday 574 - 295 - 4210	PRACTICE FACILITY 7 - 6 Tuesday - Sunday 574 - 295 - 4210	BUSINESS OFFICE 9-5 Monday-Friday 574 - 295 - 6373	RESTAURANT Lunch 11-2 Tues - Fri Dinner 5-9 Tues - Thurs 5-10 Fri - Sat 5-9 Sun	SWIMMING POOL 12-4 Monday 12-7 Tues – Fri 11-7 Saturday 12-6 Sunday	1	Pizza & Beer Night Family Night
Last Casual Griller	Club Closed LABOR DAY	Pool closed for the season	Wine Down Wed.	Rib Night	8	Pizza & Beer Night Kids' Karaoke
	Labor Day Event	Course Closed		9-hole Ladies		
Sunday Brunch	Club Closed	12	Wine Down Wed. Chef's Demo & Lunch	Rib Night	15	Pizza & Beer Night Family Night
	Greencroft Outing Course Closed	18-hole Ladies		9-hole Guest Day		Elcona Cup
17	Club Closed	19	Wine Down Wed.	Rib Night Beer Dinner	Happy Hour Prime Rib & Wine	Pizza & Beer Night Family Camp Out
Elcona Cup	Course Closed	18-hole Ladies		9-hole Ladies		
24	Club Closed	26	Wine Down Wed.	Rib Night	29	Pizza & Beer Night Family Night
St. Vincent Outing						
Course Closed	Course Closed	18-hole Ladies		9-hole Closing day		